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In re Application of
Hogenkamp et al.
Application No. 09/814,123
Filed: March 22, 2001
Attorney Docket No.
1861.1270001/JMC/THN

DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF
FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

This is a decision on the "Request for Reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705," filed June 12, 2003. Applicants request that the initial determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be corrected from zero (0) days to seventy-eight (78) days.

The application for patent term adjustment is GRANTED to the extent indicated herein.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is seventy-nine (79) days, not 78 days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On March 13, 2003, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment (PTA) to date is 0 days. On June 12, 2003, applicants timely submitted the instant request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment¹. At the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance, there were no grounds for adjustment of the patent term. However, any adjustment was subject to a reduction of one hundred forty-seven days for applicants' late response filed May 9, 2002, to the non-final Office action mailed September 13, 2001. Applicants dispute this reduction, asserting that the response was timely filed on December 13, 2001.

The response has been shown to have been filed on December 13, 2001, not May 9, 2002. In compliance with § 1.704(b), the response was timely filed within three months of the mailing of the non-final Office action mailed September 13, 2001. See 1.704(b). Accordingly, any patent term adjustment should not be subject to a period of reduction of 147 days.

¹ Palm records indicate that the Issue Fee payment was also received in the Office on June 12, 2003.

Furthermore, given that the response was filed on December 13, 2001, the Office failed to take action within four months. A restriction requirement was not mailed in response until July 1, 2002. Accordingly, pursuant to § 1.703(a)(2), the application is entitled to a period of adjustment of 79 days, the number of days in the period beginning on the day after the date that is four months after the date a reply under § 1.111 was filed, April 14, 2002 and ending on the date of mailing of an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, July 1, 2002.

In view thereof, the patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is seventy-nine (79) days.

The Office acknowledges submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). No additional fees are required.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for timely issuance of the patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Nancy Johnson, Senior Petitions Attorney, at (703) 305-0309.

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Enclosure: Copy of Revised PAIR Screen

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PALM INTRANET**PTA Calculations for Application: 09/814123**

Application Filing Date:	03/22/2001	PTO Delay (PTO):	0
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	147
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	79
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